

(ECP) at Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi, where she also received a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science. She holds a master of business administration degree in Information Technology and Military Management from Touro University, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College (USAWC), Carlisle Barracks, PA.

She served her Nation honorably as an Army Engineer Officer for 32 years. Brigadier General (Retired) Williams' duty stations included key developmental and career-enhancing assignments across the Continental United States, Hawaii, Iraq and other overseas assignments. Brigadier General (Retired) Williams is an employee with the Engineer Research and Development Center at the United States Corps of Engineers Reachback Operations Center in Vicksburg.

She is a proud member of the Vicksburg Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, Vicksburg Branch of NAACP and a lifetime member of the Army ROTC Hall of Fame. She was recognized as the Vicksburg Post Hero of the week in April 2022.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Brigadier General (Retired) Donna R. Williams for her passion and dedication to serve Mississippi and this Country.

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GILLIAN MCCARRON

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2022*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gillian McCarron for receiving the 2021 Woman of the Year Award by the Arvada Chamber of Commerce. The Woman of the Year Award is given to a woman who has gone above and beyond to serve her community.

Gillian currently serves on the Arvada Economic Development (AEDA) Board of Directors as well as AEDA's Exterior Improvement Grant Committee and Economic Impact Committee. She is also currently the Chairman of Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth. Gillian serves on the Arvada Vitality Alliance Board of Directors and is active in the Ralston Valley High School's Boys Soccer Booster Club. Gillian is also a local business owner who supports local charitable efforts and is a passionate, supportive leader in the Arvada community.

Congratulations again to Gillian McCarron on this recognition from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce. I extend my deepest appreciation for her contributions to our community.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CHRIS STEWART**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2022*

Mr. STEWART. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Rollcall No. 141.

HONORING THE LATE SECRETARY  
NORMAN MINETA

**HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2022*

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, as a proud member of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, I rise today to pay tribute to the founding Chair of our caucus and a dedicated public servant, the late Secretary Norman Mineta, who passed away on May 3, 2022.

It was an honor to serve my first term in Congress alongside Congressman Mineta. Norman was the son of Japanese immigrants who were held in an internment camp during World War II, and he would later become one of our country's highest-profile Asian American political leaders. In 1971, Norman was the first Asian American to lead a major U.S. city when he was elected Mayor of San Jose, California. In 1974, he was elected to the United States House of Representatives from California's 13th congressional district. He went on to serve ten terms in Congress and served as the Chairman of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

In 2000, President Bill Clinton appointed Norman to be U.S. Secretary of Commerce and he became the first Asian American to hold a cabinet position. President George W. Bush appointed him U.S. Secretary of Transportation in 2001, making him just the fourth person to serve in the cabinet of two presidents from different political parties. He was highly influential in creating the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) in the wake of the September 11th terrorist attacks.

Madam Speaker, I ask that all my colleagues join in paying tribute to an extraordinary American and public servant.

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HONORING COLONEL IGWEKALA  
EDWIN NJOKU

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2022*

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today as we celebrate the retirement of Colonel Igwekala Edwin Njoku after 28 years of service with the United States Army and 27 years of federal civil service with the Department of Energy. Colonel Njoku's decades of leadership and commitment to excellence have helped to set the strategic direction of the federal government and ensure the security and prosperity of our country.

Originally from Nigeria, Col. Njoku arrived in the United States in 1971 on a student visa. He attended the University of Massachusetts where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Applied Biology and a Masters Degree in Health Physics and Nuclear Science. He later attended the New York Institute of Technology where he earned a second Masters Degree in Industrial Hygiene and Environmental Engineering Technology.

Col. Njoku eventually moved from the East Coast to California where he worked for the state Department of Health Services as a Senior Health Physicist. Shortly after, he joined

the California Army National Guard and later the U.S. Army Reserve. He served 28 years in the U.S. Army where he provided oversight on emergency response systems to the use of Weapons of Mass Destruction on the battlefield.

In addition to his consultant capacity, Col. Njoku gave on the ground support abroad. He spent a year deployed in Iraq as the Combined Joint Task Force-7 Radiation Protection and Laser Safety Officer. He also traveled to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to implement the 1994 Agreed Framework, which suspended North Korea's nuclear power program in exchange for U.S. energy aid. When he retired from the U.S. Army as a Colonel, he was awarded the Legion of Merit for his work with the Joint Forces in Iraq, and his work on non-proliferation efforts in the Korean Peninsula.

On the civilian side, Col. Njoku served as a Certified Health Physicist with the National Nuclear Security Administration within the U.S. Department of Energy. During his 27 years of service, he ensured that radiological operations were implemented safely and improved federal oversight for various facilities and offices without expanding the oversight footprint.

Edwin Njoku's decades of service to the U.S. Army and the Department of Energy has truly had a global impact and has helped reinforce the security of our country and the world. I know that his impact and commitment to excellence will continue to reverberate in the years to come.

On a personal note, I've had the privilege of knowing Col. Njoku for more than 20 years and greatly admire his scientific brilliance and unwavering commitment to public service. I'm honored to have had his support over the years and wish him a wonderful and well-deserved retirement. One behalf of the 13th Congressional District of California, I commend Col. Igwekala Edwin Njoku for his tireless service and dedication.

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NEVAEH SENA

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2022*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Nevaeh Sena for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Nevaeh Sena is a student at Arvada West High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Nevaeh Sena is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Nevaeh Sena for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.